

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/625,663	LONATI ET AL.
	Examiner Ismael Izaguirre	Art Unit 3765

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to 7/24/03.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14.
3.  The drawings filed on 24 July 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

**Examiner's Amendment**

**COMMENTS**

***Reasons For Allowance***

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claim 1 defines a sewing method for sewing a tubular article. The method includes the steps of flattening the end of the article and feeding this between two laminas with a protruding portion beyond the laminas. Advancing the article along a guide path and sewing a first stitch line while advancing the article through the sewing machine. Disengaging the sewing head and retracting the article along the guide path upstream from the sewing machine and advancing the article through the path, again for performing a second stitching of the article while advancing the article. Disengaging the article from the sewing machine thereafter. Claim 6 defines a sewing apparatus for closing the end of the article comprising two mutually facing laminas with a passage therebetween and a sewing apparatus for forming a stitching on the article. A moving means is provided for moving the article first through the sewing machine for the first stitching and then moving the article upstream from the sewing machine along the path and moving the article through the sewing machine for forming a second stitching. The dependent claims further limit the method and apparatus for stitching the article of the independent claims.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

***Pertinent Citations***

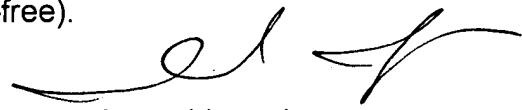
The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Richard illustrates a sock tip sewing apparatus and illustrates sewing the tip of a double layer sock including at least two stitch lines. Beamon illustrates an apparatus and method for feeding a hose tip through a guide for sewing the tip. Salvetti illustrates a feeding device movable back and forth for feeding tubular articles to a sewing machine. Ditrich illustrates an apparatus for sewing the tip of a stocking pivotable for presenting and feeding the stocking to a sewing machine. Maegawa et al. illustrate a feeding device movable back and forth for feeding pantyhose through a sewing machine. Rosso et al. Illustrates a toe portion being fed through an apparatus for forming at least two portions of stitching on the toe portion.

***INQUIRIES***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ismael Izaguirre whose telephone number is (571) 272-4987. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-6:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on (571) 272 -4983. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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